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## ADDITIONS AUTHORIZED FOR FOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Additions totaling more than 1,500 acres have been authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for four National Wildlife Refuges, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Refuges and their authorized additions are: Martin National Wildlife Refuge, Maryland, .65 of an acre; Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota, 1,161 acres; Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, New York, 327 acres; and Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge, Arkansas, 12 acres.

The Martin Refuge is on Smith Island in the lower Chesapeake Bay. It was established through a gift of land by the late Glenn L. Martin and is one of the important waterfowl areas in the Atlantic Flyway. The .65 of an acre addition to the refuge is for a lot and residence in Ewell, Maryland, for use of the refuge manager.

The 1,161-acre addition to the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Minnesota includes Elm Lake, a former marsh that was drained for agricultural purposes. The Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife plans reflooding the lake to provide maximum benefit for waterfowl. The Bureau expects to raise enough grain on the uplands around Elm Lake to alleviate crop depredations by waterfowl on surrounding privately owned lands.

Formerly known as Oak Orchard, the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in western New York is about 35 miles west of Rochester. Under maximum development, the refuge is expected to have peak concentrations of 80,000 ducks and 15,000 geese during spring and fall migration. An annual production of 3,500 ducks and 500 geese is anticipated. The additional 327 acres are necessary for planned development.

The 12-acre addition to the Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge in north-eastern Arkansas will be farmed to provide food for puddle ducks and Canada geese.

Members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Chairman; Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman; Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges; Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska; Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana; Representative Frank M. Karsten of Missouri; and Representative George A. Goodling of Pennsylvania.

Ex officio members of the Commission at its recent meeting were: Ernest A. Vaughn, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish, Maryland; Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director, Wildlife Resources Commission, North Carolina; Wayne H. Olson, Commissioner, Department of Conservation, Minnesota; L. A. Davenport, Chief, Division of Game, Department of Conservation, Michigan; and Nelson Cox, Director, Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas.

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